

MINUTES
GOVERNOR'S P-20 COUNCIL
General Meeting-Tuesday, August 22, 2006
10:00 a.m.

Location: 1700 W. Washington
2nd Floor Conference Room
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Members Present: Governor Janet Napolitano, Dr. Rufus Glasper, Cathleen Barton, Amy Besing, Mark Bryce, Ernie Calderon, Susan Carlson, Dr. Angel Cabrera, Dr. David Curd, Gregory Donovan, Dr. Sybil Francis, Lynda French, Dr. Kino Flores, Dr. Roy Flores, Harry Garewal, Bob Hagen, Dr. John Haeger, Cathy McKee, Superintendent Tom Horne, Paul Luna, Dr. Karen Nicodemus, Dr. Laura Palmer Noone, Dr. Douglas Olesen, Dean Phillips, Kristen Rex, Councilman Greg Stanton, and Dr. Jim Zaharis.

Members Absent: Dr. Michael Crow, Bill Estes, George Dean, Jack Jewett, Dr. Peter Likins, Cindy Rudrud, Jack Swanson, Senator Toni Hellon (ex-officio), Representatives Ann Kirpatrick and Laura Knaperek (ex-officio).

1. Call to Order & Welcome

Dr. Glasper called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Dr. Glasper noted that most members of the P-20 Council were facing expirations of their terms; members need to indicate their interest for consideration of re-appointment; that all appointees are required to have an ethics class by October 6th; and that all members must commit to serving on a committee.

2. Approval of Minutes:
a. April 13, 2006

There being no discussion or corrections to the minutes, Gregory Donovan moved approval of the April 13, 2006 P-20 Council meeting minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Dr. David Curd and unanimously approved.

Pending the arrival of Governor Napolitano, Dr. Glasper called for a break.

3. Governor's Report

At 10:10 a.m., Dr. Glasper reconvened the meeting. Dr. Glasper congratulated Governor Napolitano on her recent election as chair of the National Governor's Association noting that the Governor is the first Arizona Governor and the first woman in NGA's 98-year history elected to this position.

The Governor reported on:

Innovation America: Innovation America will be the Governor's NGA initiative for the coming year and will highlight two areas that are critical to our future success. First, a focus on increasing student proficiency in math and science by modernizing the teaching force, benchmarking academic standards and aligning assessments and creating new models for math and science education. Second, to enhance innovation by implementing state wide strategies as well as those that target existing high growth regional centers of innovation. Together these approaches will

reduce existing barriers to innovation, support entrepreneurship, fund research and development and create 21st century university systems.

Graduation Rate Compact

The Governor reported that Arizona is a leader in reporting using the NGA Compact consolidated definition for graduation rates. The Governor thanked Dr. Francis, Chair of the Data, Assessment & Graduation Compact Committee, for the work of her Committee, and Superintendent Tom Horne and the Arizona Department of Education for their responsiveness in helping to bring this goal to fruition.

Proposed Next Steps

The Governor introduced her proposed next steps for the Council indicating that the Council will be the umbrella that guides her education agenda forging forward. As a result of the work of the Council over the past year, and the outcomes of the Retreat held in June, the Governor asked the Council to pursue the following:

- Aligning curriculum so that every student has the opportunity to take Algebra I by the 8th grade;
- Working to raise compulsory school attendance from age 16 to 18;
- Considering a feasibility and demand study of Arizona's four-year degree programs;
- Moving forward recommendations to address teacher quality and supply - not only the need for more teachers in general but more ELL, math and science teachers;
- Endorsing math and science grants to start building capacity for Pathways;
- Modifying state assessment programs to include end of course assessments and intervention strategies;
- Immediately convening higher education, K12, and industry to revisit our high school standards and exit requirements, and to align them to post-secondary entrance requirements;
- Convening the Data Committee to prioritize the data element gaps in Arizona's data systems and immediately present those priorities to the Council, ADE and the Legislature.

4. Overview & Discussion: Council Retreat

- a. Vision Statement**
- b. Goals and Strategies**
- c. Committee Structure**

Dr. Glasper provided a brief overview of the Vision, goals and strategies developed at the Council Retreat on June 7th and 8th as well as reviewed the new Committee structure proposed by the Steering Committee to accomplish these goals and strategies. After discussion, Susan Carlson moved, and Dr. John Haegar seconded, to incorporate the work of the Teacher Quality and Supply Committee into the P-20 Council. The motion passed unanimously.

Council members engaged in discussion on the urgency to prioritize the future work, and to develop a process and timeline for implementing the goals and strategies as well as to address the proposals from the Governor. The Council engaged in discussion on: possible barriers for implementing goals; need to implement a rigorous assessment strategy; teacher capacity particularly in the development of math and science teachers; alignment of K-8 system leading to every student having access to Algebra I by the 8th grade; alignment of high school exit standards to college and workforce entry requirements; career and technical education courses and the role they play in student preparedness.

5. Presentation: Achieve, Inc.

Dr. Glasper introduced Mike Cohen, President of Achieve, Inc. Created by the nation's governors and business leaders in 1996, Achieve, Inc. helps states raise academic standards and achievement so that all students graduate ready for college, work and citizenship. Through the American Diploma Project (ADP), Achieve has developed benchmark standards that describe the specific math and English skills high school graduates must have if they are to succeed in postsecondary education and high-performance jobs, and Achieve works with states to incorporate these expectations in state standards and assessments for high schools. Mr. Cohen discussed the Alignment Institute offered by Achieve Inc. to assist states through coaching, direction, step-by-step planning and motivation to get the work done.

After Mr. Cohen's presentation, the Council engaged in lengthy discussion on the presentation and the sense of urgency in Arizona to move rapidly to address alignment of academic standards and improve assessments in Arizona. Dr. Roy Flores motioned, and Mark Bryce seconded, that Arizona become a part of the Achieve, Inc. network. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Call to the Public

Ted Kraver urged the Council to look at e-learning as a means of using 21st century tools to accomplish goals and strategies.

Gordon Freedman, with Blackboard Inc., indicated to the Council they were ready to offer their assistance in communication strategies to help the Council achieve its ambitious goals.

7. Announcements and Adjournment

Dr. Glasper announced that the next Meeting of the P-20 Council is September 21st at 10:00 a.m. There being no further business, Dr. Glasper adjourned the meeting at 12 noon.